

**A POCKET-SIZED GUIDE
FOR THE HIVE ORACLE
DIVINATION DECK**

CLASSIFICATION

Classification is how the cards are grouped according to their preferred element, and their domain of interest. Sometimes a reading might lean more heavily on an element for meaning, and others indicate the domain is more important for your interpretation.

The cards can be classified in two different ways:

Elemental Suits:

- ★ **Aether** - "it is"
- ★ **Earth** - "rest"
- ★ **Air** - "push"
- ★ **Fire** - "action"
- ★ **Water** - "pull"

Domain Suits:

- ★ **Wands** - "direction" - wands indicate the direction of an idea or issue
- ★ **Place** - "location" - places help you to understand where you metaphysically exist in regards to your issue.
- ★ **Phantasms** - "conception" - phantasms are fleeting concepts...or are they? We cannot grasp or hold them, yet they are often permanent.
- ★ **Tradesmen** - "application" - tradesmen are often masters of their craft; there is passion in their work.
- ★ **Guardians** - "protection" - guardians feel compelled to keep safe, but can protection turn into obsession?
- ★ **Makers** - "realization" - makers are all about connections, and the results thereof.
- ★ **Celestial** - "revelation" - celestial bodies are ever-present, yet can suddenly reveal to us something important.

HOW TO READ THE CARDS

The Hive Oracle is designed to provide a spectrum, or different degree of meaning based on the reader's intuition.



Take the Galaxy Sprite. Her Element is Air, her Domain is Guardian. Her positive meaning is "acknowledge and pass", negative is "lose and forget." Upright, she indicates there is something important to acknowledge, then, pass it by.



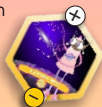
Upside down, the Galaxy Sprite suggests that you have lost, then forgotten a concept, idea, or item.



Turned on the side, she offers a middle ground. Was there something you once held important, but lost? Is there something you have lost, and won't acknowledge? It could go either way.



The cards can slightly tip, but still remain with a strong meaning. This example may say that something has been important, but is slowly becoming lost.



Which point of the spectrum is pointing up indicates positive vs. negative card meaning.

You may choose to strictly interpret the cards as positive or negative, or, use the spectrum to indicate leaning in either direction.

PREPARING FOR A READING

Sit in a comfortable place, with a flat surface that won't be disturbed. The cards right out of the box come in a jumble of directions, you may need to lay them all face-side down, then shuffle. (Some people prefer to orient the cards all the same direction first. It is up to you.)

Think of a question or situation you wish to examine. Questions like, "I'm concerned about my relationship" are better than "Is my partner cheating on me?" The Oracle isn't meant to reveal secrets, it's meant to help you discover possibilities and potential solutions.

Traditional Tarot and Oracle arrangements are acceptable; this particular layout is honeycomb-shaped.



Lay each card out in the order you draw it from the deck, face down. Focus on your question as you do so.

When the cards are down, turn each one over in order. Grasp the card by the point facing you and flip it over on a vertical axis. If you are just doing upside down/right side up interpretations, tip the card towards the point closest to the top/bottom.

The time has come for interpreting your reading.

A SAMPLE READING

"I'm worried about my relationship with my partner."

Wand of Root



future

Vapor Faerie



obstacle

Wand of Wet



present

Honey Faerie



YOU

Galaxy Sprite



help

*Rainbow Prism
Faerie*



past

Nebulous Void



challenge

Possible Interpretation:

You: Currently you feel as though you are the keeper of the relationship, but not in a good way.

Past: You saw your partnership as full of potential, due to the variety.

Present: Something is pulling you or your attention in a new direction.

Future: There is a desire for peace and stability.

Obstacle: Perhaps there is some level of denial regards an issue that concerns you both.

Help: Acknowledge the denial, and let it pass by.

Challenge: There is unknown potential – how you feel about the present and desire for the future will affect the direction your partnership takes.



AETHER

keywords: *it is*

Balance, existing, it is. It is everything that surrounds us and remains intangible. It flows, it stagnates, it pushes, it pulls. Aether is the divine indefinable.

If Aether cards appear in a spread:

★ There is a statement of sorts on the state of affairs as *they currently are*.



THE WAND OF ALL

keyword: *existence*

The Wand of All directs or beckons that which exists. It does not necessarily change or mold, but unites and dissolves. How does your life simply exist? How is it a situation, just a matter-of-fact? The Wand of All shows us what is: nothing more, nothing less.

THE CRYSTAL GROTTO

keyword: *certainty*

+ = conviction

- = doubt



The Crystal Grotto is an ancient and sacred place. It represents the painstakingly slow culmination of the elements. The Grotto is steadfast and changes exceedingly little as the eons tick by.

If it appears in a spread:

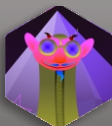
- ★ Is there a principle or standard you cannot waver from?
- ★ Do your convictions never change and provide a moral building block?
- ★ Has something affected your personal stance on an issue?

THE CRYSTAL IMP

keyword: *reality*

+ = facts, certainties

- = lies, fabrications



He deals in reality. Which reality may be in question: his Crystal Goggles allow him to view multiple realities. Choices in life may shift which reality we end up in, they are always factually correct. An alternate view may be alien, but it is not a fabrication.

If he appears in a spread:

- ★ Are you seeing things as they really are, or how you wish them to be?
- ★ Is there a point of view you are struggling to understand because it doesn't seem "real" or "factual"?



THE HONEY FAERIE

keyword: keeper

+ = defender and caretaker

- = warden and overseer

The Honey Faerie is a keeper. It is her duty to protect and take care of those in need. Her pollen pockets are filled with nourishing pollen while her Mystic Honey Vial contains a healing honey serum to give strength and aegis to those who ingest it.

If she appears in a spread:

- ★ Is there something in your life in need of care?
- ★ Is there an oppressive element trying too much to "nourish" your being?



THE CRYSTAL WITCHIE

keyword: focus

+ = investigate with specificity

- = overanalyze into meaninglessness

The Crystal Witchie is concerned with focus: How does this work? Why does it do that? And so forth.

Investigation has two sides: intense study, and over-analysis to the point of driving all meaning away.

If she appears in a spread:

- ★ Is there an issue you need to take a closer look at?
- ★ Have you been harping on an issue for so long that you can't even remember what brought it up?

THE PATCHWORK FAERIE

keyword: *mender*

+ = restoration

- = subversion



The Patchwork Faerie is a mender. She loves to help people, faeries, and animals! Using her Golden Thread and Magic Needle she flies about mending both the physical and metaphysical.

If she appears in a spread:

- ★ Are you trying to make amends?
- ★ Does something feel "broken" you desire to fix?

THE RAINBOW PRISM FAERIE

keyword: *possibilities*

+ = diversity

- = disparateness



This one revels in the wide variety of colors their Prism Staff bestows upon the world! A spectrum of colors brings strength to individuals, thus uniting them in a world of hues. Can you have too many colors? Too many become a muddled mixture if all looks the same.

If they appear in a spread:

- ★ Is there enough of variety in your life?
- ★ Is there so much going on that you cannot tell the difference in ideas and actions?
- ★ Do you need to choose something to garner blessings and individuality?



AIR

keyword: *push*

Air can be a gentle breeze, or a terrifying hurricane. Too little, and we suffocate and can die. Too much, and we grow physically weary of its press.

If air cards appear in a spread:

- ★ Something needs to be pushed, or someone needs to push.
- ★ There exists a pushing force affecting you.



THE WAND OF STIRRING

keyword: *vibration*

The Wand of Stirring lightly pushes, but can also destructively raze. Is there something in your life which requires attention? The Wand of Stirring may be lightly pushing you to an issue. Alternatively, is there an issue you cannot ignore because it won't stop? The Wand of Stirring summons mighty gales that can last for-what-seems-like-ever.

THE LONE TOWER

keyword: *solitude*

+ = peace

- = agitation



The Lone Tower offers a respite from busy, overflowing life. Being alone is not the same things as being lonely. When you are alone, what do you hear? Is your soul at peace, or in a state of agitation?

If it appears in a spread:

- ★ What is the self like? At rest or in busyness?
- ★ Do you need time in quiet for self-examination?

THE IMP OF ORB

keyword: *intent*

+ = mindfulness

- = cessation



The Imp of Orb isn't so much concerned with the type of intent, more the fact of its existence. Being present and aware of your actions can give way to meaning and purpose. With no intent whatsoever, what is the point of the action?

If he appears in a spread:

- ★ Has your life been in need of intent – the actions have merely been rote, habit?
- ★ Does an action merit more mindfulness than you have been granting it?



THE METALLURGIST FAERIE

keyword: *inventor*

+ = problem solver

- = quixotic day dreamer

The Metallurgist Faerie is an inventor: if there is a problem, he endeavors to solve it! Application of invention can be a powerful thing – but what of inventions that forever stay in the realm of dreams and thought? They are never used or applied: lost and aimless.

If he appears in a spread:

- ★ Does your mind keep harping on a singular plan in attempt to move forward?
- ★ Perhaps an idea needs application to become fruitful in your life.



THE GALAXY SPRITE

keyword: *release*

+ = acknowledge and pass

- = lose and forget

Do you ever gaze up into the night sky and feel a sense of openness? We are all part of a grand universe, but that does not indicate we are insignificant. Our experiences, good and bad, make us who we are. To acknowledge something and pass it by does not mean it is forgotten. To forget is to lose – keep thoughts and feelings, set them aside, but do not lose them.

If she appears in a spread:

- ★ Is there something you have been trying to forget, but need to acknowledge?
- ★ Is there an idea that needs to be passed by, to be revisited in another time?

THE PENCIL PIXIE

keyword: *planner*

+ = strategist

- = schemer



The Pencil Pixie knows the value of thinking ahead. Look ahead to your next gathering, or your next cup of tea: there's a plan. But what happens when there's too much of a plan? Or worse, the plan becomes a detriment to someone else?

If he appears in a spread:

- ★ What is the desired outcome of your plan?
- ★ Have you spent time over-planning an activity?

THE CLOUD FAERIE

keyword: *transience*

+ = illumination

- = obfuscation



The Cloud Faerie knows her creations never last long; they are always changing. So too are moments in life – we have times of sudden wonderment, else periods of confusion.

If she appears in a spread:

- ★ Did you "blink and miss it"? Was there something there, or not at all?
- ★ Are you on the brink of a realization, is there something blocking your way?



EARTH

keyword: *rest*

Solid and impenetrable, or loose and shifting. The Earth can nourish and bear life, or it can be barren and harsh, with only a few organisms.

When Earth cards appear in a spread:

- ★ There may be a call for inaction, or rest regards a matter.



THE WAND OF ROOT

keyword: *solidity*

The Wand of Root can till soil to bear the sweetest fruits, stack rock to form an impenetrable mountain, or shift sands miles across the desert. What is the foundation of your issue? Is it firm, non-moving and steadfast? Or rather is it shifting, unstable? The Wand of Root determines the integrity of a foundation.

THE MUSHROOM HOUSE

keyword: *stability*

- = haven

+ = prison



The Mushroom House is a personal dwelling. Inside and out, it serves as a place to exist, as a home. A home is a place of respite, where one can hide from incessant demands of the world and rebalance oneself. Too much confinement, self-imposed or otherwise can turn a home into a prison.

If it appears in a spread:

- ★ Has your life tipped from being level to feeling crushed?
- ★ Do you need to re-balance your personal space?

THE IMP OF THOUGHT

keyword: *contemplation*

+ = meditation

- = brooding



The Imp of Thought spends his time purposefully gazing. What is, what was, what will be: all are subjects of his lengthy consideration. But what of a topic that becomes all-consuming? Contemplation gives way to unhealthy fixation.

If he appears in a spread:

- ★ Are you engaging in purposeful thought when considering a situation?
- ★ Has a situation demanded too much of your mind's attention?



THE MUSHROOM FARMER FAERIE

keyword: *cultivator*

+ = nurturer

- = smotherer

The Mushroom Farmer Faerie lives in a vast cave, which shelters her vast mushroom plantings. She nurtures and encourages each stalk and spore. Too much attention, be it water or coaxing, can kill the fungus. Sometimes, things can do with less nurturing and be left alone.

If she appears in a spread:

- ★ Is something not "growing" the way you think it should? Are you smothering it?
- ★ Do you, yourself, feel you are in need of nurturing?



THE ROOT FAERIE

keyword: *grow*

+ = invest in change

- = loss of control

The Root Faerie is concerned with what's under the surface. His harvest may take time, hiding in the dark, but the resultant vegetable is worth the wait. Some roots, however, can run wild with neglect. They are weak and stringy rather than rich and flavorful. Are you willing to take the time and wait for results, or chance what happens in light of ignoring?

If he appears in a spread:

- ★ Is there something that would benefit from a slow investment?
- ★ Have you neglected something to the point it has a life of its own?

THE CLAY FAERIE

keyword: *artisan*

+ = creator

- = escapist



The Clay Faerie is deeply connected to her craft. She spends time carefully planning her wares: what they will look like, what they will be made of, and so forth. Importantly, her plans are always *realized*.

If she appears in a spread:

- ★ Are you adequately planning for the desired outcome?
- ★ Have you spent excess time imagining the potential outcome, never bringing anything to fruition?

THE STAR SPRITE

keyword: *goal*

+ = focus

- = procrastination



The Star Sprite may seem distant, but it is always possible to draw him near. But, only with action! Waiting results in nothing happening. Similarly, is a goal achieved: focus and action bring about results – noodling about avoiding doing anything will bear...nothing.

If he appears in a spread:

- ★ Have you lost focus when it is needed?
- ★ Has procrastinating robbed you of your goals?



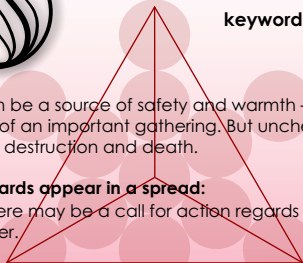
FIRE

keyword: *action*

Fire can be a source of safety and warmth – the center of an important gathering. But unchecked, it rages destruction and death.

If Fire cards appear in a spread:

- ★ There may be a call for action regards a matter.



THE WAND OF LIGHT

keyword: *energy*

The Wand of Light is not simply to light physical flames, but also to ignite our innermost passions. Is there something you feel drives you to do more? Or is the topic at hand all-consuming to the point of dangerous obsession? The Wand of Light can direct the spark of desire...or push it beyond limits.

THE WARM KITCHEN

keyword: *comfort*

+ = contentment

- = annoyance



Kitchens are the heart of every dwelling. People gather to nourish both body and soul. News is shared, books are read, meals consumed. When the kitchen is clean and full of food, contentment abounds. When filled with dirty pots and an empty cupboard looms, the kitchen becomes a way station of irritation.

If it appears in a spread:

- ★ Are you at genuine ease with how a situation is? Or uncomfortable?
- ★ Has something been eating at you that needs attention?

THE CLOCK PIXIE

keyword: *time*

+ = cyclical

- = repetitive



Time can drastically change based on perception. We observe certain activities happening at certain times. The Clock Pixie is particularly attune to the cyclical nature of time – cycles grant predictability and allow for periods of rest versus periods of activity. Cycles can be deceiving; while they repeat, they are not *repetitive*.

If he appears in a spread:

- ★ Is growth happening during a cycle? Or is something "stuck"?
- ★ Do you have plans for using a cycle to move forward, or are you just repeating the motions?



THE STAVE-MAKING FAERIE

keyword: *craftsmanship*

+ = passion

- = obsession

The Stave-Making Faerie is a craftsman. He takes pride in the magickal staves he produces. Hours of labor and planning are dedicated to each staff created. Making requires a working end result – but does it need to be perfect?

If he appears in a spread:

- ★ Examine if the ends justify the means.
- ★ Is your quest for details blurred by your demand for perfection?



THE BOOK WITCHIE

keyword: *learn*

+ = seek enlightenment

- = remain ignorant

Discovery of new knowledge, good or bad, causes change. Actively seeking knowledge to precipitate personal growth is wonderful. However, what happens when we know of a possibility, yet choose ignorance? The Book Witchie adores acquisition through reading, yet understands that unread books are a choice, good or bad, to refuse to know something about.

If she appears in a spread:

- ★ Is there something you've been avoiding knowing that is causing pain?
- ★ Is choosing enlightenment overwhelming?

THE PIXEL IMP

keyword: observer

+ = networker

- = gossip



The Pixel Imp sees all sorts of information. He watches, waits, and draws connections based on his observations. Good connections can affect positive or needed change. Bad connections can sow discord, and precipitate misunderstandings. The more observation, the greater the chance of understanding the quality of a connection.

If he appears in a spread:

- ★ Are you not observing enough in order to make a wanted connection?
- ★ Quality over quantity – low-quality connections can lead to disharmony with yourself and others.

SUN PAPA FAERIE

keyword: constant

+ = reliability

- = immovability



Sun Papa is always there. He may be hidden, asleep – but is ever-present. Being a reliable constant is admirable – it takes dedication and a steady will. However, perhaps there are times when reliability becomes stubbornness: immovability, a refusal to change or allow for flexibility.

If he appears in a spread:

- ★ Could your ever-present-ness be instead a refusal to change?
- ★ Is there an aspect of a situation that could benefit from predictability?



WATER

keyword: *pull*

Ethereal, yet tangible – water is everywhere. It can determine the presence of life in the greatest ocean to the tiniest drop of a puddle.

If Water cards appear in a spread:

- ★ There may be something or someone pulling you in a certain direction.



THE WAND OF WET

keyword: *cohesion*

The Wand of Wet is capable of drawing in raging torrents to destroy or gentle streams to nourish. It can summon fog so thick, seeing is impossible. Is there an issue you struggle to bring together? Or a problem so diluted the point has been lost? The Wand of Wet determines how cohesive the issue at hand is.

THE NEBULOUS VOID

keyword: *ambiguity*

+ = potential

- = vagueness



The Nebulous Void is a mysterious place. Within it exists both limitless potential and infinite atrophy. What will happen within? It's difficult to tell...

If it appears in a spread:

- ★ Perhaps there is something in your life you are unsure of – is there a direction you wish it would take?
- ★ Observe possible influences around the void; they may pressure it.

THE VAPOR FAERIE

keyword: *fantasy*

+ = boundless dreams

- = delusions



The Vapor Faerie understands the importance of escaping into your own mind. Fantastical visions help to solve problems, invent creations, and rejuvenate the soul. But what if you choose to stay in a realm of fantasy? The mind starts to believe that which may not be true...

If he appears in a spread:

- ★ Is your soul craving a fantastical respite? Perhaps reality has been a little too real.
- ★ Are you seeing things as they are, or rather what you dream them to be?



THE RUNE STONE FAERIE

keyword: *librarian*

+ = divulger of knowledge

- = hoarder of information

The Rune Stone Faerie carries the Stone of Knowing, which is inscribed with Faerie History. She bears all sorts of information, love, and secrets. When someone needs to know of a topic, she has two choices: tell them everything, or, withhold what was known.

If she appears in a spread:

- ★ Are you keeping information to yourself?
- ★ Is a glut of information causing issue?



THE SEA WITCHIE

keyword: *renew*

+ = refresh and change

- = wear away into uselessness

The Sea Witchie understands constant cycles: ebb and flow. A power such as the tides cuts both ways: it can refresh the land, bringing in and out items with the water. Yet, constant water beating relentlessly can wear away obstacles until there is nothing left.

If she appears in a spread:

- ★ Is a cycle truly refreshing, or simply repetitive?
- ★ Has a cycle been around so long it now serves no function at all?

THE INK IMP

keyword: poet

+ = chronicler

- = braggart



When a poet puts pen to paper, they have a choice in how to record the world around them. Highly descriptive, with words that weave a luscious narrative, or, the language that is twisted, maybe even tilting praise towards the author, rather than the subject at hand.

If she appears in a spread:

- ★ Are your words true, or perhaps slanted towards making you look better?
- ★ Are you reading a chronicle, or someone's flight of fancy?

MOON MAMA FAERIE

keyword: change

+ = constant renewal

- = inability to commit



Moon Mama is all about change. She understands the need for renewal and revitalization in order to move forward. Sometimes though, waffling back and forth can be misinterpreted as change.

If she appears in a spread:

- ★ Are you resisting change by failing to commit?
- ★ Is there an aspect of life in need of renewal in order to progress?

ONLINE RESOURCES

The Hive Oracle is not limited to this little manual! Small books can be great for when you want some peace and quiet away from the Internet, but sometimes you want more information. Good news! All of this information is available on my website, plus a little more.

Clarifications, alternate layouts, additional sample readings, are all there for your perusal.

In addition, I also have .STL files for those of you that may wish to 3D print yourself a special box to keep your cards in.

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ABOUT

My name is Olivia Snyder. I've been a pagan for 25+ years and an artist since I could pick up a pencil.

I made the Hive Oracle because I wanted a whimsical, light-hearted deck that was fun to look at, yet could allow for personal introspection through divination.

The Hive Oracle is less about fortune-telling and more about connections with questions using elements that persons who enjoy magick are familiar with.

The Five Classical Elements are present, as are other various archetypal symbols: needle and thread, crystals, staffs, plants, celestial objects and more adorn each card.

It is my hope that users of the deck are able to immerse themselves in the brilliance of colors and the fun of the Hive Oracle Universe while finding worthwhile introspection.



34 CARDS OF KALEIDOSCOPIIC DAZZLE!

Join a bevy of faeries, sprites, imps, and witchies and explore the most colorful magickal universe! The Hive Oracle is bursting with delightful illustrations on unique hexagonal cards, which allow for a varied spectrum of interpretation rather than a black and white answer.

This book contains the “how to” and “what does this mean” for using the Hive Oracle. Do you prefer your guides to be in digital form? Check out oracle.faeriehive.com for a free copy of the deck guide. (That's right! You don't have to buy this book!)

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